



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
October 10, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman William Stang, Police Chief Martin Willey Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the September 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell. Read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Reports submitted and read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

❖ New Business:

- Replacement Meters – Councilman Councilwoman Nancy McAdams made a motion to order 400 replacement meters; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

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- Emergency Parts for Possible Breakdowns – Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to order replacement parts for pumps in case of breakdown; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Blades Land Development Ordinance – Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to reject Land Development Ordinance changes – raise detached garage height from 15 ft. to 19 ft.; Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Third Reading Ordinance 435 – Contractor’s Licenses and Fees – Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to add clarification of “Contractor” in Ordinance 435 – Contractor’s Licenses and Fees prior to final reading; Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – No, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about an update on several vacant buildings. Buildings are in different stages of claims.

Citizen inquired about a pothole in Little Meadows. The pot hole will be filled with cold patch until it can be put on the 2023 Street Patch Project.

Citizen inquired about the retention pond. The retention pond has scheduled upkeep by Sussex Soil Conservation District.

Entered into Executive Session: N/A

Exited Executive Session: N/A

Councilman Vice-Mayor Mike Smith motioned to adjourn the October 10, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Pierre Gaither, Sr.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant